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In re application of

COIT et al.

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09/721,479

Examiner:

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Art Unit:

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For:

NOVEL HCV NON-STRUCTURAL POLYPEPTIDE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2004.

- [X] Applicants request an extension of time for 3 months from January 21, 2004 to April 21, 2004. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$950 fee.
- [] An additional fee is required as calculated below.
- [X] A Notice of Appeal is attached.
- [X] Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

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No. of Claims After Amendment			Most Claims Previously Paid	Extra Claims				Ad	lditional Fee
A. Total Claims	26	-	42	=	0	х	\$18	=	\$0
B. Ind. Claims	1	-	3	· =	0	х	\$86	=	\$0
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 280 \$290								=	\$0
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)									\$0
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)								=	\$0
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)									\$0

[X] A check for \$1280 to cover the \$950 Extension fee and \$330 Notice of Appeal fee is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

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Title:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 21, 2003, with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, a petition to extend time for three months is attached. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

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